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SUBJECT: DUTCH MEDIA REACTION PRESIDENT CARTER'S ADDRESS -
ANNAPOLIS, JUNE 7, 1978

EARLY EVENING, JUNE 7, RADIO AND TV NEWS BULLETINS COVERED
THIS SUBJECT FULLY. A VARA (SOCIALIST BROADCASTING SOCIETY)
COMMENTATOR STATED OPINION THAT PRESIDENT CARTER SEEMED
SO SURE OF HIS SUPERIOR ARMED STRENGTH THAT IT WOULD SEEM
QUITE UNNECESSARY FOR HOLLAND TO INCREASE ITS DEFENSE
BUDGET BY 3 PERCENT. NO TV COMMENTARY YET.

ONLY ONE EVENING PAPER - HOLLAND'S LEADING LIBERAL DAILY
"NRC HANDELSBLAD" - CARRIED THE STORY YESTERDAY, WITH A
MAIN FRONT PAGE HEADLINE IN THIS PAPER. MORNING PAPERS
TODAY ALL CARRY IT AS BIG ITEM ON MIDDLE PAGES. FOLLOWING
EXTRACTS FROM ONLY MORNING PAPER SO FAR TO CARRY EDITORIAL
COMMENT:

"ALGEMEEN DAGBLAD" - INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE - 6.8.1978
"CARTER'S TWO FACES"
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"PRESIDENT CARTER OFFERED THE SOVIET UNION YESTERDAY AN
OLIVE BRANCH AND A SWORD AT THE SAME TIME.
HIS SPEECH MADE CLEAR HOW CONCERNED HIS GOVERNMENT IS
ABOUT THE SOVIET'S PRESENT AGGRESSIVE POLICY IN AFRICA
AND ITS EXPANSION OF MILITARY POWER IN EUROPE.
NEVER BEFORE HAS THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIMSELF SO
CLEARLY AND FRANKLY REGARDING HIS GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN

POLICY. PERHAPS THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN USING HIS
FORMER LACK OF CLARITY TO OCCUPY ITSELF WITH VARIOUS
POLITICAL ISSUES, BUT NOW IT WILL HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THE
LIMITS WHICH HAVE BEEN SET.

IN SPITE OF THE CONCEALED THREAT IN CARTER'S SPEECH, IT
WAS SO FORMULATED THAT IT NEED NOT LEAD TO A REVIVAL OF
THE COLD WAR. THIS CALM AND DECISIVE SPEECH CAN PROVE TO
BE A SALUTORY PRESCRIPTION TO TAME THE PRESUMPTUOUS
KREMLIN LEADERS.
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